



U.S. Department  
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**Federal Highway  
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# Memorandum

Western Resource Center

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Subject: Proposed Pooled Fund Study: "Western Alliance  
for Quality Transportation Construction (WAQTC)"

Date: December 12, 2002

From: Resource Center Manager - West  
San Francisco, California

Reply to  
Attn. of: HRC-WE (LAK)

To: Division Administrators

The FHWA Western Resource Center proposes to initiate an FHWA-led pooled fund study titled "Western Alliance for Quality Transportation Construction (WAQTC)," provided the States indicate sufficient interest. Please share this invitation to participate with the appropriate personnel in the state highway agency.

The objective of this study is to facilitate management of the WAQTC as a regional Training and Certification organization and for the development of new training materials identified by the WAQTC Executive Committee. The problem statement for the proposed study (Attachment 1) provides additional details. This multi-year effort will include the following activities:

- Maintenance of training course materials and a certification database on the WAQTC website
- Management of the WAQTC by contract with FHWA as the contracting agency
- Materials sampling & testing and construction inspection curriculum priorities will be identified under the direction of the WAQTC Executive Committee, development of the materials may be provided under contract to address regional needs
- Promote uniformity in training content and qualifications requirements between member states of the WAQTC
- Encourage the improvement and development of AASHTO standards and maximize their usage in training materials

The proposed study is separate from the pooled fund titled "Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council Training Management & Development." The WAQTC program manager may have access to the use of TCCC funds for development of new training courses and materials. Maintaining the existing WAQTC training and certification course materials will be the central focus of the WAQTC pooled fund.

The proposed project meets the criteria for use of Federal-aid funds used for research and development studies without State matching funds. Participating States are authorized to proceed with the study using 100 percent State Planning and Research (SP&R) funding. The assigned project number for this new pooled fund study is TPF-5(064). Please note the similarity to the TCCC pooled fund study number and

take care to avoid confusion.

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The 5-year project is estimated to cost approximately \$600,000. We have preliminary oral commitments of support from at least 12 western states. We ask that you work closely with your State DOTs to determine the support for this initiative. Affected program areas are materials, pavements, construction, and the State Training Coordinators. States interested in participating should indicate their proposed level of support on the Pooled Fund Study Funding Commitment Form (Attachment 2) at their earliest convenience, by January 28, 2003 is preferred. Funds should be obligated to this project entering the project number as TPF5064 in FMIS.

Questions concerning this proposed study should be directed to Mr. Bernie Kuta, Pavements & Materials Engineer, at 303-716-2196 or [bernie.kuta@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:bernie.kuta@fhwa.dot.gov) . Completed forms may be faxed to him at 303-236-3405.

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2 Attachments

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